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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the International Search Report (in German and English) mailed on October 14, 2003 and conducted in International Application No. PCT/EP2003/050306 of which the instant application is the U.S. National stage. In particular the

(1) DE 198 22 261 A;

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- (2) DE 100 30 199 A;
- (3) US patent 6,311,922 which is listed in the Annex of the Search Report as a family member of DE 198 22 261 A; and

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(4) US published application 20010052560 A1 which is listed in the Annex of the Search Report (incorrectly listed on the Search Report as 2001052560 A1) as a family member of DE 100 30 199 A.

Copies of the above-listed documents (1) and (2) including the International Search Report and its Annex, are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 form listing these documents. Copies of documents (3) and (4) are not enclosed, since they are readily available to the Examiner as a U.S. patent and a published U.S. application, respectively. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national stage application (concurrently therewith). Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1).

While a fee is not required, please charge any fees necessary for consideration of the papers filed herein and refund excess payments to Deposit Account No. 50-2929.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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